

REMARKS

Claims 2-13 and 20-23 are pending. Claims 1 and 14-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. 35 USC § 112

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which is considered the invention.

The rejection of Claims 11 and 12 for no antecedent basis for “said jaws” and “said housing seating” is respectfully traversed. Both claims depend from base Claim 9 and the last three lines of this base claim recites “two jaws” and “a housing seating.” Thus, it is respectfully submitted the 35 USC § 112 rejection is overcome.

Claim 13 has been amended to correct antecedent basis.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in each of Claims 6, 9 and 10.

Accordingly, Claims 6 and 9 are rewritten in independent form, incorporating the features of their respective independent claims, and any intervening claims.

As Claim 10 depends from Claim 9, no amendment to Claim 10 was necessary.

Claim 5 is amended to include the features of Claims 1, 5 and 6.

Claim 20 is amended to include the features of Claims 5 and 6.

Claim 21 combines the features of original Claims 7, 9 and 20.

Claim 22 is supported as was Claim 10.

No new matter has been entered.

Thus, as each pending claim includes the feature(s) of an allowable claim, reconsideration of the remaining rejections is respectfully requested.

III. 35 USC § 102 and § 103

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Southwick (U.S. Patent No. 2,368,047). Claims 14-19 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Southwick. However, in light of the cancellation of Claims 14-19 and the amendments as discussed above, Applicant respectfully presents these rejections are now moot.

IV. Conclusion

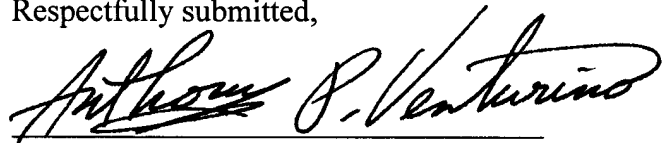
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any additional fee is necessary to make this paper timely and/or complete, it may be deducted from the undersigned's deposit account, no. 19-4375.

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